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For: *NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES THAT CAN BE USED AS PRIMERS AND PROBES IN THE AMPLIFICATION AND DETECTION OF ALL SUBTYPES OF HIV-1*

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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RESPONSE

Sir:

This is responsive to the December 18, 2002 final Office Action issued regarding the above-referenced patent application. A Petition for Extension of Time and Notice of Appeal are included herewith. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. An Appendix entitled "Marked up version showing changes made" is attached hereto.

13. (amended) A pair of oligonucleotide primers consisting of:

(i) a first hybridizing oligonucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

SEQ ID 1: G GGC GCC ACT GCT AGA GA;

SEQ ID 2: G TTC GGG CGC CAC TGC TAG A; SEQ ID 3: CGG GCG CCA CTG CTA; and

SEQ ID 9: aat tct aat acg act cac tat agg gAG AGG GGC GCC ACT GCT AGA GA; and

(ii) a second hybridizing oligonucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

SEQ ID 4: CTG CTT AAA GCC TCA ATA AA;